

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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Natural Gas Pipeline Replacement and
Performance Plans

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JOINT STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN ROBERT F. POWELSON
AND VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR.

With this Order, the Commission seeks comment on requiring Pennsylvania natural gas utilities to develop and file with the Commission Pipeline Replacement and Performance Plans. Specifically, these plans will tentatively be required to include infrastructure replacement time frames and a proposal for the means by which the cost of the infrastructure replacement program should be addressed in rates.

While the Commission is currently only seeking to have natural gas utilities file such plans, we wish to put Pennsylvania's electric distribution companies on notice that we anticipate developing a similar requirement for the electric industry in the near future. Electric utilities are already required to implement Commission-approved system inspection and maintenance plans on a biennial basis. We feel that the development of infrastructure replacement plans would complement and enhance existing efforts to ensure the continued provision of safe and reliable service.



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